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SUBJECT: RDV – Colorado Agriculture and Rural Leadership Program (CARL)

TO: All Colorado Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Employees

PURPOSE: Leadership class for men and women who are rising to positions of state leadership in the agricultural industry or related organizations and who are active in their local communities.

EXPIRATION DATE: September 30, 2006

ACTION REQUESTED BY: JUNE 16, 2006

The Colorado Agricultural and Rural Leadership Program (CARL) is sponsoring its third class of participants for men and women who are rising to positions of State leadership in the agricultural industry or related organizations and who are active in their local communities.

Mission of the Leadership Program

1. Enhance participants' understanding of economics, political and social systems and issues;
2. Increase skills in communication, problem-solving and leadership methods;
3. Analyze the complex challenges facing agricultural systems in rural communities throughout the state and the nation as well as internationally;
4. Meet leaders in other fields and citizens from various cultural, social and political backgrounds.

Program Enrollment, Design and Methods

Enrollment in the program is highly selective and selections are made on a limited basis. Each applicant completes an application and forwards it to NRCS, Ila Binard, State Administrative Officer. Applications will be forwarded and followed by a personal interview with one of the regional screening committees. Final selection recommendations are made by a state-wide screening committee to the Board of Directors, who makes the final decision.

The program is designed as a series of seminars, held over a two-year period. Seminars last three to four days and are conducted in various locations around the State of Colorado and the nation so participants can interact firsthand with actual leaders who are creating solutions to problems in real-life settings.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for an employee from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and applications are encouraged. Additional program information and applications are available at <http://CARL.colostate.edu>. Applications must be received in the SAO (Attn: Ila Binard) by close of business on June 16, 2006

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward M. Biggers, Jr.", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

EDWARD M. BIGGERS, Jr.
Acting State Conservationist